



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2020
TO: Groundfish Committee and Recreational Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Meetings on Monday, June 15, 2020

The **Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP)** will meet by **Webinar** on **Monday, June 15**, starting at **9:30 am**. The **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will also meet by **Webinar** on the same day, starting at **1:30 pm**. Please check the Council website and meeting notice for Webinar details.

Agenda Topics

1. Fishing year 2019 and 2020 catches and quota/recreational fishery and COVID-19 impacts,
2. Framework Adjustment 61 (*to be initiated*) including 2020 Groundfish Stock Assessments,
3. Executive Order on Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, and
4. Other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials

Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document is posted to www.nefmc.org. Staff will provide copies of any additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo and agendas (this memo)
2. Presentation: Council staff
3. COVID-19 impacts discussion
 - a. Nies to Council re possible emergency action commercial groundfish, April 8, 2020
 - b. NEFMC to GARFO re commercial and recreational groundfish fishery COVID-19 impacts, April 29, 2020
 - c. See Jan 2020 meeting materials here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jan-21-2020-recreational-advisory-panel-meeting>
 - d. See Nov 2019 meetings materials here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-12-2019-recreational-advisory-panel-meeting>
 - e. NEFMC to GARFO re Council proposed recreational measures for FY2020, Feb. 4, 2020
 - f. Groundfish PDT memo to Committee re COVID-19 and the recreational groundfish fishery
4. Stock Assessment Schedule, NEFSC

5. Meeting Summary – RAP meeting, Jan. 21, 2020
6. Correspondence
7. Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, The White House, May 7, 2020
8. Other Business - NROC/MARCO/RODA fishery dependent data project
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Overview document

Meetings Topics

The following section outlines the meeting expected outcomes. You are encouraged to prepare motions and rationale in advance and send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).

Expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated AP and Committee Motions</u>
<i>COVID-19 Impacts Discussion</i>	2, 3a-3f, 5	Council staff will present the Groundfish Plan Development Team’s (PDT) analysis.	Recommendations on revisiting measures for 2020 for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock
<i>Framework Adjustment 61</i>	2, 4	For the RAP meeting, Council staff will provide an overview of groundfish specifications and management measures anticipated to be included in the action, which will be initiated at the June 2020 Council meeting. In addition, for the RAP meeting, Northeast Fisheries Science Center staff will discuss 2020 management track assessment plans and Assessment Oversight Panel results.	Recommend initiating the action and identify the items for inclusion.
<i>Executive Order on Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth</i>	7	For the RAP meeting, Council staff will provide a brief overview of the Executive Order.	Develop a list of possible items to consider.

Next Steps

The Council will discuss these topics during its June meeting by webinar under the Groundfish Committee Report, see details here: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/june-2020-council-meeting>.



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AGENDA

RECREATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL Monday, June 15, 2020

By webinar

- 9:30 am Opening remarks and agenda review (*Blount*)
- 9:40 am Impacts of COVID-19 on the recreational fishery (*Cournane/Steinback/Errend*)
Overview of Plan Development Team analysis
Discussion of revisiting possible recommendations for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock management measures for fishing year 2020
- 11:00 am Framework Adjustment 61 (*to be initiated, June Council meeting*) (*Cournane*)
Specifications and management measures anticipated to be included
- 11:15 am 2020 Groundfish Stock Assessments (*NEFSC staff*)
Summary of Assessment Oversight Panel meeting, May 27
- 11:30 am Executive Order issued on May 7, 2020 (*Cournane*)
Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth
- 12:00 pm Other business (*Blount*)
1. Brief review of NROC/MARCO/RODA fishery dependent data project and request for feedback (*Hogan, RODA*), and
2. Any other business
- 12:30 pm *Adjourn*



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GROUND FISH COMMITTEE
Monday, June 15, 2020

By webinar

- 1:30 pm Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Stockwell*)
- 1:40 pm Recreational Advisory Panel report..... (*Blount*)
- 2:00 pm Impacts of COVID-19 on the recreational fishery(*Cournane/Steinback/Errend*)
Overview of Plan Development Team analysis
Discussion of revisiting possible recommendations for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock management measures for fishing year 2020
- 3:30 pm Other business.....(*Stockwell*)
- 4:00 pm *Adjourn*